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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH

National Institute of Preventive and Social Medicine
(BGD/73/073)

Report of the Administrator*

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| Date of present approval: | June 1979 |
| Starting date of project activities: | March 1977 (Including Preparatory Assistance) |
| Planned completion date: | December 1982 |
| To be executed by: | World Health Organization (WHO) |
| Government implementing agency: | Ministry of Health, Population Control and Family Planning |
| Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval: | $384 300 |
| Source of UNDP financing: | Indicative Planning Figure (IPF) |

## I. Background

1. The current Two-Year Plan of the Government of Bangladesh stressed the importance of developing the primary health care system and particularly preventive health care services so as to provide comprehensive health care especially in rural areas. In the past, the country's health care service was mainly oriented towards curative and clinical care, and training and services for preventive medicine were neglected. The establishment of the National Institute of Preventive and Social Medicine (NIPSOM) was approved by the Government in 1974 in an effort to bring about a better balance between curative and preventive health care services. NIPSOM is a training institute and is to conduct courses in preventive and social medicine.

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2. In March 1977 UNDP approved the preparatory assistance for a duration of one year for the present project with the objectives of developing the organizational arrangements of the Institute, determining the scope of UNDP assistance and the inputs required for its training programmes and to provide advisory services to the Health Ministry in developing its health programmes. At the completion of the preparatory assistance, UNDP assistance for the full-scale project was approved.

## II. Objectives and activities

3. The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) provide advanced and specialized training for medical and paramedical personnel in public health and social medicine; (b) develop curricula and syllabi for a post-graduate programme in medical and non-medical disciplines; and (c) develop field practice areas and design field experience programmes.

## III. Inputs

4. Under the assistance now approved, UNDP will provide, through the Executing Agency, one public health administrator and eleven consultants in various disciplines related to public health such as nutrition, population dynamics, health education, occupational and environmental health, epidemiology, biostatistics and maternal and child health. UNDP will also finance in-service training and training abroad in the above fields, and provide laboratory and training equipment.

5. To carry out the activities for which the assistance is to be provided, the Government of Bangladesh will make available faculty personnel and physical facilities for training.

## IV. Financial data

6. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

| | Previously approved $ | Present approval $ | Total approved $ |
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| Personnel | 55 700 | 200 400 | 256 100 |
| Training | 5 000 | 100 300 | 105 300 |
| Equipment | 5 500 | 81 700 | 87 200 |
| Miscellaneous | 400 | 1 900 | 2 300 |
| | 66 600 | 384 300 | 450 900 |

7. The estimated total value, expressed in US dollars of inputs provided directly by the Government to the project is US $4,643,200 in kind.

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